

Board *notes*

Lafayette Parish School Board Regular Meeting April 20, 2005

Board Recognizes Very Special Arts Winners

The Lafayette Parish School Board recognized two students as the Overall Winners of the 2004-2005 Very Special Arts Festival. The "Very Special Arts Festival" was held Feb. 3 featuring the artwork of Lafayette Parish Special Education students. This exhibit included both visual arts and craft arts. Judges for the event included central office personnel, local artists, and members of the Lafayette Parish community. The winning entries were displayed March 9-28 at the Acadiana Center for the Arts in downtown Lafayette.

The Overall Winner in Visual Arts was Jeffrey Fox of Acadiana High; Teacher: Denise Faulk. The Overall Winner in Craft Arts was Corey Neal of Acadiana High; Teacher: Bridget Manuel.

Board Recognizes Superintendent Easton

The Board recognized of James H. Easton, Ed.D., superintendent of Lafayette Parish Schools by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and the Louisiana Department of Education for outstanding leadership in guiding schools toward their accountability goals. Among our schools, seven achieved Exemplary Academic Growth and six achieved Recognized Academic Growth.

Board Appoints Broussard Middle Principal

The Board appointed Keicia Hawkins as principal of Broussard Middle School. Hawkins currently serves as assistant principal of Youngsville Middle School.

Board Approves Resolutions

The Board approved a resolution recognizing the week of May 1-7 as Teacher Appreciation Week. The resolution urges all citizens to observe this week by taking time to remember and salute the teachers who shape the future of our children, our community, and the community of nations.

The Board also approved a resolution proclaiming the weekend of April 30-May 1 as 50th Reunion Weekend of the 1955 Graduating Class of Lafayette High School. The resolution also recognizes the 50th Anniversary of the

existence of Lafayette High School on its Congress St. campus.

In other action, the Board:

- approved corrections on the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 4/6/05;
- ratified bills for February, 2005;
- received a status report for the selection of an external auditor;
- received a report on the 2002 1/2 Cent Sales Tax interest payout to classroom teachers;
- approved personnel changes;
- deferred action on the Legal Services Review until a later meeting; the item would authorize staff to assemble an independent peer review team to review the school district's legal services for quality and effectiveness;
- approved a new elective (Keystone: Foundation for Success) that is being strongly recommended for all freshmen students;
- approved the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) summer school program as developed by the Office of Career and Technical Education;
- approved the 2005 Extended Learning Program for Pre-K through sixth grade at Live Oak, J. Wallace James, Evangeline, and the site of the Broadmoor/Edgar Martin ESL Programs;
- approved the 2005 LEAP 21 summer remediation school for grades 4 and 8;
- approved the General Fund Budget Revision #1 for fiscal year 2004-2005;
- approved an amendment to the lease of Section 16 Property at the corner of Ridge Road and Ambassador Caffery Parkway to reduce the monthly rental of \$5,337.92 to \$4,220 effective March, 2006;
- approved the bid from Nasco, S&S Worldwide and U.S. Games for physical education supplies and equipment for grades K-5;
- approved the bid from Acadiana Shell & Limestone, Inc. for limestone.



